

D. Remarks

The specification is amended at page 6, lines 16-23 to correct typographical errors.

Claims 7-9 were indicated as being allowable on page 4, in paragraph 8 of the above-identified Office Action. These claims have been re-written in independent form with most of the limitations of the intervening claims and the base claim. The Examiner is requested to carefully review these re-written claims and confirm allowance in the next Office Action. New Claims 10-12 depend from these re-written claims and are therefore believed to be also allowable.

New Claim 13 recites a plurality of light-pipes integrated with the bezel into one piece, and is supported at, for example, page 5 at lines 8-11 and 24-25, page 6 at lines 1-6, and page 7 at lines 20-28. Note that the apparatus of Claim 13 can be used to display a number of signals to an operator, as specifically stated in the originally-filed specification at page 7, lines 26-27, and such signals may be generated by a corresponding number of light sources (such as LEDs) as stated on page 5 at line 34 and page 6 at line 1. The Examiner is requested to carefully review the support for adding new Claim 13.

In contrast to new Claim 13, Applicant submits that the combined teachings of Kuzma and Pasco fail to disclose or suggest the focusing of light from a light source only on a predetermined area, in an apparatus where the light source is one of several light sources that individually indicate a specific operation status. Examples of the operation status that can be displayed by the apparatus of Claim 13 are further described in the specification at page 3, lines 24-28. Both Kuzma and Pasco merely teach generic illumination of a number of buttons of a keyboard or keypad, and therefore fail to disclose or suggest the apparatus of Claim 13. New Claim 14 depends from Claim 13 and is believed to be patentable for the same reasons.

For the above reasons, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all pending claims. Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this response, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (408) 982-8200, ext. 3.

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